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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY NASA LASER TRACKING FACILITY

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1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO NOTES COMMUNICATED TO BRADY,
DEFENSE DIVISION, DFA, IN LETTER DATED DECEMBER 28, 1977.

2. BRADY IN TURN SENT FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 24,
1978:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 28 DECEMBER 1977 REGARDING THE
NASA MOBILE LASER TRACKING FACILITY. AS I MENTIONED IN MY
LETTER OF 23 NOVEMBER 1977 OUR FIRST DRAFT WAS UNDER
CONSIDERATION BY RELEVANT AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENTS AND
AUTHORITIES. THEIR COMMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED AND THE
ATTACHED REDRAFT PREPARED.

"THE PRINCIPAL CHANGE IS THAT THE PARAGRAPH RELATING TO THE
CONCLUSION OF IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS HAS NOW BEEN DELETED.
THIS CHANGE WAS BASED ON ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE
THAT THE PROPOSED FACILITY CAN BE READILY ACCOMMODATED INTO
THE EXISTING NASA UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OTHER
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CHANGE, AND THAT IT WILL ALSO FIT INTO THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE EXISTING CO-OPERATING AGENCY ARRANGEMENT
FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 1963
AND 1965 AGREEMENTS WHICH AMENDED THE LIST OF FACILITIES
COVERED BY THE 1960 UMBRELLA AGREEMENT.

"THE OTHER MAIN ALTERNATION IS THAT THE REVISED DRAFT PROVIDES

FOR THE AGREEMENT TO COME INTO EFFECT ON AND FROM THE DATE OF OUR REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE AMENDMENT CONTINUING FOR THE DURATION OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT.

"WITH REGARD TO THE AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY US AUTHORITIES THE DRAFT NOW INCORPORATES THE WORDS "NEAR GERALDTON IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA" AT THE END OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH. BECAUSE THE PARAGRAPH RELATING TO OPERATING DETAILS HAS BEEN DELETED THE SECOND PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS NO LONGER NEEDED."

3. TEST OF NOTES NOW AS FOLLOWS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO..... WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

INNER QTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA ON MARCH 25, 1970 CONCERNING A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF COOPERATION TO FACILITATE SPACE FLIGHT OPERATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF MUTUAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF MAN'S SPATIAL ENVIRONMENT AND ITS EFFECTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION INHERENT IN THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT, AND WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 2(3), FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A NASA TEMPORARY MOBILE SATELLITE LASER TRACKING FACILITY.

INNER QTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COOPERATE IN A PROGRAM INVOLVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NASA TEMPORARY MOBILE SATELLITE LASER TRACKING FACILITY NEAR GERALDTON IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

INNER QTE ACCORDINGLY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2(2) OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA OF MARCH 25, 1970, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE LIST OF FACILITIES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2(1) BE AMENDED BY THE INCLUSION OF THE TEMPORARY MOBILE SATELLITE LASER TRACKING FACILITY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

INNER QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE AGREEMENT BE CORRECTED TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN NAME OF THE CO-OPERATING AGENCY OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TO DELETE FROM

PARAGRAPH 2 THE LISTING OF THOSE FACILITIES WHICH ARE NO LONGER OPERATIONAL, NAMELY 2(A), (C), (F) AND (G).

INNER QTE THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, THIS NOTE AND THE REPLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THAT EFFECT, SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL AMEND THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 25, 1970 ON AND FROM THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

INNER QTE THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END INNER QTE
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"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCURS IN THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND AGREES THAT THE EMBASSY'S NOTE AND THE PRESENT REPLY SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AND EVIDENCE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH SHALL AMEND THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 25, 1970 ON AND FROM THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY. END QTE

4. RE PARA 4 OF REFTTEL A, ALTHOUGH DFA AND SCIENCE HAVE GIVEN ORAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR NASA TO PROCEED WITH PRELIMINARY SITE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES, IN VIEW FACT THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES APPEARS IMMINENT, NASA REP PREFERS WAIT EXTRA SHORT WHILE IF IT ALL POSSIBLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED APPROVE NEW DRAFT ASAP.
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